

SEEKS BACK ALIMONY
FEARING EX-HUSBAND
MAY WASTE FORTUNE

First Mrs. Balke Hears Billiard
Man's Son and Chorus Bride
Are Living High.

Because, she says, he has married a chorus girl and turned spender, Mrs. Katharine McKee Balke of Cincinnati has filed suit in the Supreme Court to force her ex-husband, William Walter Balke, millionaire Cincinnati society man and son of one of the founders of the Brunswick-Balke-Granger Company, to pay up his alimony settlements before he has spent his fortune and may be unable to liquidate her claims against him.

The ex-wife's action demands \$5,000 in stock and the settlement of a note for \$5,000. The stock is that of the billiard table manufactory of which the defendant's father is one of the organizers.

According to the attorneys in the case, Balke has had recent business adventures with shoe manufacturing plants in Boston and Cincinnati, in both of which he appears to have lost considerably.

The former Mrs. Balke brings two actions in behalf of herself and her three daughters, respectively twelve, ten and seven years old. In the first she says that she was quietly divorced from Balke in Cincinnati in September of last year on grounds which are statutory in Ohio. At the time, she says, he agreed to turn over to her \$5,000 worth of the 7 per cent preferred stock of the Brunswick-Balke-Granger Company and that he has so far failed to do so, though he has paid her the dividends from this amount of stock.

The second action demands payment of a note for \$5,000, which also was part of the alimony settlement.

According to an authoritative source, Balke married his chorus-girl wife early last summer, and has since been living with her alternately in New York and at Long Beach, spending money with a freedom that made an impression even on hardened Broadwayites.

Through his attorney, Louis Heas, No. 42 Broadway, Balke has filed a notice of answer in which he demands "an ex-wife's present address, which he says he doesn't know."

Rodgers to Command the New York WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The big dreadnought New York, now nearing completion at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, is to be commanded by Capt. Thomas S. Rodgers, at present director of naval intelligence and also a member of the general board of the navy. Secretary Daniels to-day designated Capt. Rodgers to this new duty.

Hoffmann's Tales
Well Presented
At the Century

By Sylvester Rawling.

"THE TALES OF HOFFMANN" was the third opera to be presented in English by the Aborns at the Century Opera House last night before a large and appreciative audience. It was well done. The performances in French of this work of Offenbach's by the Metropolitan Opera Company last season were not the best to its credit. One must mark back to the production by Mr. Hammerstein at his Manhattan Opera House for a basis of comparison. While the genius of Renaud in his impersonation of the triple role may not be forgotten, or the singing and acting of Dalmores, Zeppl and the rest, under Campanini's direction, overlooked, there was much to be commended in last night's performance. It had a snap that was irresistible, a meaning that could not be misunderstood.

John Barclay imparted to the hero distinction in bearing, good singing, and a diction that could not fail to impress the dullest. Jayne Herbert as Spalanzani, his friend, was a most attractive figure, who also had a voice. Lena Mason sang and acted well as Olympia, the doll. Ivy Scott, an Australian, much praised, lent beauty to Giulietta, the Venetian girl. In the second act, but was a bit too healthy of figure for the consumptive Antonia in the last act. She sang well. For the rest, Morton Adkins as Dapertutto, Louis Kreidler as Dr. Miracle, Alfred Kaufman as Crespo, William Schuster as Spalanzani, and our old friend Francesco Laddi as Coshinelle and Franz were more than competent. Carlo Nicolis, another familiar acquaintance, conducted with confidence, and the chorus and ballet did effective service. As for the stage settings, thanks to Mr. Siedes, of the Metropolitan Opera House, they were most attractive.

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SAYS SHE GAVE POISON
TO HER SIX CHILDREN;
WOMAN IS ARRESTED

Family Physician Thought Victims Had Died of Cholera Morbus.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 1.—Mrs. Ida Leckwold was arrested last night charged with murdering two of her children.

According to the police, the woman has not only confessed to killing the two of which she is accused, but four others as well.

Her husband, Ole Leckwold, also was arrested, but later released, the officers being convinced that he was ignorant of the manner in which his children had met their death. The officers say the woman acknowledged administering quantities of a liquid poison, but how she succeeded in getting the children to swallow it she would not tell. The first victim died in 1906 and the last in July, 1913. Leckwold declares that all six of the children died under almost identical circumstances.

The family physician who treated the last two children says that he was surprised when he found them dead, but believed that death had come from natural causes, and made the death certificates accordingly. He ascribed cholera motus as the cause of death in each instance. Mrs. Leckwold is thirty-two years old.

Yours With Small Broken. James Wandel, sixty-three, a salesman, living at Haven Court, Broadway and One Hundred and Eightieth street, was picked up yesterday afternoon at Third and Tremont avenues, the Bronx, with a fractured skull, a swollen eye and a badly bruised face. He told Dr. Aaborn of Fordham Hospital that he had been assaulted, but could not say by whom.

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